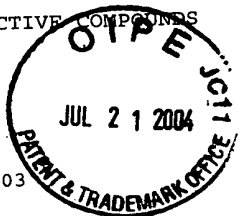


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In re Application of: SZARDENINGS, et al.
 Serial No.: 09/674,733
 Filed: May 2, 2001
 For: MELANOCORTIN 1 RECEPTOR SELECTIVE COMPOUNDS
 Confirmation No.: 3759

Art Unit: 1654
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Sir:
 Transmitted herewith is an [XX] Amendment [XX] Research Report and Substitute Power of Attorney in the above-identified application.

- [] Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
 [] A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
 [] No additional fee is required.

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[XX] The Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4035. This authorization and request is not limited to payment of all fees associated with this communication, including any Extension of time fee, not covered by check or specific authorization, but is also intended to include all fees for the presentation of extra claims under 37 CFR Section 1.16 and all patent processing fees under 37 CFR Section 1.17 throughout the prosecution of the case. This blanket authorization does not include patent issue fees under 37 CFR Section 1.18.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims
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